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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000184-2016 Request Partially Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and to your submission to this body, dated 10th May 2016 and received on 11th May 2016.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states that An Garda Síochána is listed as a partially included agency *"insofar as it relates to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters"*. Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered.

Your request:

'Records outlining the sums of compensation paid to members of the force for personal injuries sustained while on duty in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

Records outlining how many officers were compensated in each of those years for personal injuries sustained in duty.

Records providing a breakdown of the type of injuries sustained by members of the force in those years'

I wish to inform you that I have made a final decision on today's date to partially grant your request.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision to deny access

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

I am refusing your request under section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act on the basis that the information is already in the public domain. All cases under the Garda Síochána (Compensation) Act, 1941 and the Garda Síochána Compensation (Amendment) Act 1945 are heard in open Court in the High Court and the information is in the public domain.

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—

(d) the information is already in the public domain,

Furthermore, information is available on the Garda Síochána Freedom of Information Decision Log on the Garda Website at the following URL:

<http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=15037&Lang=1>

In the Decision Log An Garda Síochána publishes a list of all responses issued to Freedom of Information Requests (excluding requests for personal information) from the commencement date of 14th of October 2015. I wish to draw your attention to Decision **FOI-000038-2015** (Human Resource Management Decisions) which is applicable to your request.

However, I wish to provide you with updated information since the publication of FOI-000038-2015. The following table outlines the number of Garda compensation cases which have been finalised in the High Court in 2015 and in 2016, to 16th May 2016, and the awards made:

Year	High Court Cases Awarded	Total Monies Awarded
2015	77	€3,562,888.30
2016 (to 16 th May 2016)	48	€2,761,118.24

2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you may seek an Internal Review of the matter by writing to the address below and quoting reference number **F01-000184-2016**.

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Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder). Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to Accountant, Garda Finance Directorate, Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.

Payment can be made by electronic means, using the following details:

Account Name: Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account

Account Number: 10026896

Sort Code: 900017

IBAN: IE86B0F190001710026896

BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number is included in the payment details.

You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

Please be advised that An Garda Síochána replies under Freedom of Information may be released in to the public domain via our website at www.garda.ie.

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 SUPERINTENDENT

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

 May 2016